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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): T. NIITSUMA, ET AL

Serial No. : 09/851,705

Filed : May 9, 2001

For : IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM

Art Unit : 2852

Examiner :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN
RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Att: Application Branch

S I R :

Responsive to the NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS mailed July 5, 2001, the term for response to which expires on September 5, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please cancel the original Abstract and substitute therefor the new ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE attached hereto on a separate sheet. Also attached is a marked-up copy of the original Abstract showing the changes by handwriting.

R E M A R K S

As required by the NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS mailed July 5, 2001, a new Abstract which does not exceed

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date noted below.

Attorney: Leonard Holtz

Dated: July 11, 2001

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by check attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee, or any other fee required in connection with this Paper, to Account No. 06-1378.

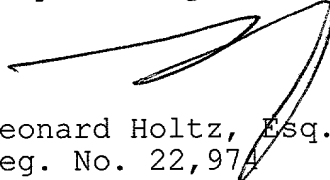
150 words in length is submitted herewith on a separate sheet. It is respectfully requested that the new Abstract submitted herewith be approved and entered in replacement for the original Abstract (which was too long).

Also attached is a marked up copy of the original Abstract showing the changes made by handwriting. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the NOTICE mailed July 5, 2001.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ~~image forming system includes an image forming apparatus~~
~~having: an~~ image reading device ^{or} ~~for reading a document and~~
converting it into the image data ^S ~~A~~ function selection
device ~~which can~~ select ^S a desired image processing function
by ~~the~~ operator ~~who operates the image reading device; the~~ ^{an} ~~A~~
first image processing ~~device for conducting the~~ image
processing ^{as} ~~on the image data, read out by the image reading~~
~~device,~~ ^{and} a read out data transferring device ~~for transferring~~ ^S
the image data ~~read out by the image reading device~~ onto the ~~network~~ ^a
~~an image forming device for forming~~ ^S an image ~~from~~
~~according to~~ the ~~image~~ processed image data ~~and a~~ ^A controller
~~for controlling~~ ^S ~~the image processing and the image formation~~
according to the function selection device. ~~The image~~
~~forming system further includes~~ ^A an image processing apparatus,
connected to the network, ~~having: the~~ ^{includes a} second image processing
device for processing ~~the image data transferred by the read~~
out data transferring device ^{and} ~~a~~ writing data transferring
device for transferring ~~the image data processed by the~~
second image processing ^{or} ~~device onto the network~~ The
controller transfers ~~the image data to the image processing~~
apparatus ~~connected to the network by the read out data~~
~~transferring device~~ according to the ~~image processing~~

~~function selected by the~~ function selection device, and *causes*
~~conducts the second control to transfer the~~ image data
processed by the second image processing ^{or} ~~device to the~~ image,
~~forming apparatus by the writing data transferring device.~~

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formed
into an*